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Mysuru Heli Tourism Circuit

HAL Pilots' team to finalise helipad location

Technical experts to inspect Lalitha Mahal Helipad and Mysore Airport today

Tourism Minister C.P. Yogeeshwar visits Lingambudhi and Hebbal Lakes

Mysuru, Mar. 13 (MTY&BCT)- A technical team is arriving in city from Bengaluru today afternoon to examine the feasibility of operating helicopter services from Mysuru to other tourist destinations in Karnataka as part of the State Government's Heli Tourism plans.

Minister for Tourism, Ecology and Environment C.P. Yogeeshwar has announced grand plans of Heli Tourism for Mysuru and connect it with other tourist destinations as part of Heli Tourism Circuit where tourists can hop on from one destination to other instead of depending on cumbersome road transport.

He has plans to set up helipads in Mysuru, Bengaluru and other places of tourist interest such as Hampi, Jog Falls, Mangaluru and Udupi and the technical team that is coming today will inspect Lalitha Mahal Helipad and Mysore Airport at Mandakalli.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Yogeeshwar said that a team of five pilots, part of Kannada Sangha at Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) in Bengaluru, will arrive in Mysuru to study the feasibility of launching the Heli Tourism Circuit.

"They are experts in chopper landing, take-offs, helipads, Air Traffic Controls and other aspects. They will finalise the location of Heli Tourism point — either Lalitha Mahal Helipad or the Mandakalli premises," he said and added that the technical team will visit the helipad site and give suggestions on changes they could make with regard to the helicopter services that are being planned.

"We have already identified Palace Grounds in Bengaluru and Lalitha Mahal Grounds in Mysuru for helipads. When I met certain other experts, they proposed the idea of helipad at Mandakalli after reserving a 10-acre land that is already owned by the Government. The team will study both the locations," he said.

(See TEAM on page 7)

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COVID test intensified

Mysuru, Mar. 13 (SSV)- The District Health Department has intensified RT-PCR testing at various locations in city since this morning following directions from the State Government in the wake of spike in Corona positive cases.

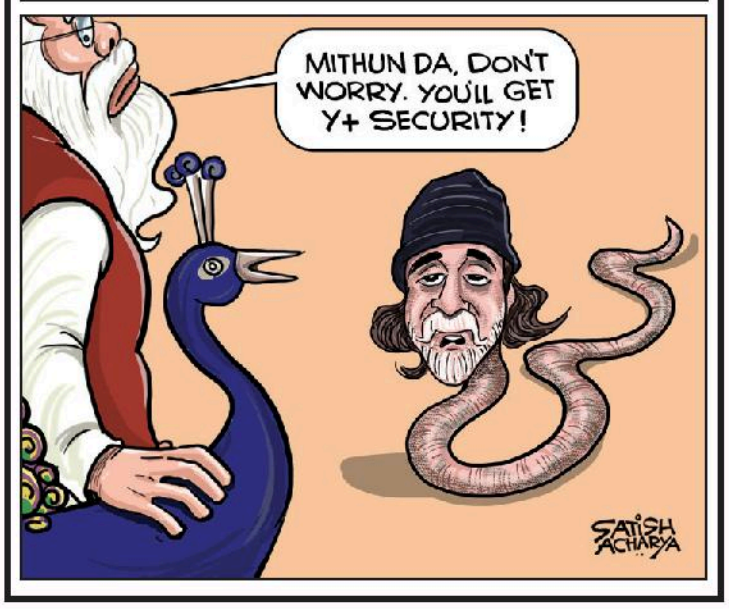
Accordingly, two mobile testing teams are deployed at 'Forum Centre City Mall' and 'Mall of Mysore' to examine visitors as well as the shop employees, said Dr. Siraj Ahmed, District Tuberculosis (TB) Eradication Officer and Nodal Officer for COVID-19 Testing and Reporting.

Till last month, the district was given a target of 4,200 tests per day but it was subsequently reduced to 3,200 tests due to decline in Corona positive cases. However, cases have gone up sharply in several districts including Mysuru, forcing the Government to ramp up testing. Mysuru has now been given a daily target of 5,000 tests, he added.

Stating that number of people visiting the COVID-19 testing booths have declined in the last 10-15 days, Dr. Siraj said that the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner has been requested to issue a circular asking the shop-keepers at Devaraja Market to undergo another round of testing.

(See TEST on page 7)

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya



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Mysuru, Saturday 13th March 2021

MGP to conduct virtual interaction on Food Safety tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 13- The Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) has chosen 'Food Safety' as the prime subject for discussion and interaction on a virtual platform of webinar for this month to be held on Sunday (Mar.14) between 4 pm and 5pm. The main speaker on Food Safety will be Dr. Prasad, Medical Officer, Food Safety, which comes under the Food Safety Commissionerate, Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of Karnataka.

The matter for discussion will be 'Your guide for safe and nutritious food at home', mainly concentrating on adulterated food items causing health problems. The programme is convened in view of the observance of World Consumer Day on Mar. 15 and its significance.

Interested may call MGP on Ph:0821-2515150 and register and also forward their questions by email to: *mygrapa@gmail.com* in advance. Contact link would be provided to registered mails of public and MGP members in Members Group app on the day of programme to enable them to join for interaction. For any other details contact Mob: 9880493867, according to a press release from MGP President.

Raga Yagna at Ganabharathi on Mar.15

Mysuru, Mar. 13-Ganabharathi is organising a special programme titled "Raga Yagna - 6 " on Mar.15 at 6 pm at Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Kuvempunagar.

This unique and educative programme provides an insight into the intricacies and nuances of the rare ragas, which is very useful to the students and aspirant learners of music. **Prof. R. Vishweshwaran,** the resource person, will present a lecture demonstration of two ragas Vakulabharana and Vaati

Vasanthabhairavi in this session.

This will also be streamed both on YouTube and on the Facebook page of Ganabharathi.

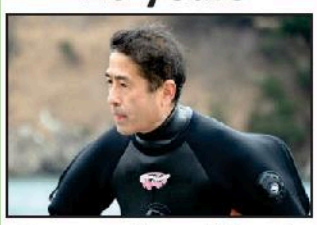
For details contact A. Radhesh, Member, Ganabharathi on Mob: 9448051564.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

A recent law passed by the Haryana State Government, reserving 75 percent of private sector jobs in the State up to a specified salary slab of Rs. 50,000 per month for local candidates, has brought to the fore the contentious issue of job quotas and their desirability. Such job quotas, while having been permitted by the Supreme Court earlier, have been restricted to the public sector, with a cap of 50 percent of jobs for locals. Such laws also affect the competitive advantage of recruiting firms. While such laws may appear to be pro-State, they actually are anti-India, by affecting the competitiveness of the nation's firms vis-a-vis that of their global competitors in world export markets. Openness is an important criterion for free and fair trade, and labour mobility is an important pillar of such openness. Finally, labour mobility has an indirect effect of equalisation of wages across States. Laws imposing job quotas will lead to further depression in wages of labour in some of the backward States. The impact on Gross Domestic Product may be far from small. Thus, on efficiency, equity and constitutional grounds, there is no case for job quotas in the private sector. State Governments are advised not to introduce mutant strains within the legal frameworks, which would have long-term ramifications on the economic health and social fibre within their respective regions. — *Tulsi Jayakumar in The New Indian Express*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man searching his wife since 10 years



Onagawa: Yasuo Takamatsu, who lost his wife Yuko when a devastating tsunami hit the town of Onagawa, in Japan, 10 years ago, continues to search for her every week.

On the day when Yuko disappeared, in 2011, Yasuo received one last text message from her. It read "Are you ok? I want to go home." He has been looking for her ever since, and doesn't plant to stop until he finds her or he stops drawing breath. In the beginning, the grieving husband searched for Yuko on land, starting at the bank where she was last seen, then along the beaches of Onagawa, in nearby forests and mountains. Two years after her disappearance, Yasuo contacted the local dive shop asking for diving lessons, so he could start searching for her in the sea. He has been going on weekly dives for the past seven and a half years, racking up almost 500 underwater searches.

Two hearts in the middle of the desert

Dubai: Love Lake, a heart-shaped, man-made lake located in the desert near Dubai, is probably one of the most impressive attractions for romantic couples visiting the Middle-East.

The man-made Love Lake, technically two intertwined heart-shaped lakes is situated near the Al Qudra Oasis. Measuring a whopping 550,000 square meters, this stunning tourist attraction is even visible from space. Love Lake is a true oasis, surrounded by desert as far as the eye can see.

One can only imagine the time and effort and money that went into making this place a reality, especially considering that apart from the heart-shaped lake itself, it consists of hundreds of thousands of shrub varieties, over 16,000 trees, and thousands of colorful flowers, including red begonia, either arranged in heart shapes, or to spell out the word "Love".

HEALTH CAPSULE

Kids (Age group 6-12 yrs) suffering from cold and cough? Try these home remedies: -.

*Mixture of lemon, cinnamon, and honey. *serve lukewarm water. *serve milk and turmeric. *gargle with salt-water. * provide amla with meals.

By Syeda Shifain Fathima, Department of Dietetics & Nutrition

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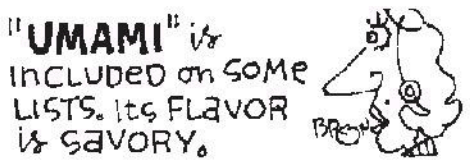

According to Ayurvedic (East Indian) medical tradition, humans can detect six flavours by which all food can be categorised: sweet, sour, salty, bitter, pungent and astringent. Pungent taste is described as hot and spicy, as with chili peppers, while astringent taste is dry and light, as with popcorn.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	MAR. 11	MAR. 12
Day's Positive Cases	50	30
Total Positive Cases	54,337	54,367
Day's Discharges	26	20
Total Discharges	53,124	53,144
Day's Deaths	0	0
Total Deaths	1,035	1,035
Total Active Cases	178	188

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Yuva Parivartakas: Applications invited

Mysuru, Mar. 13- Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES) in association with Jana Arogya Samsthe and Epidemiology Department of NIMHANS, Bengaluru, under the State Government funded project entitled 'Development and implementation of integrated mental health services for youth,' has invited applications from eligible candidatesto provide basic training for Yuva Parivartakas.

Candidates must have completed Bachelor's degree or higher courses. Service-oriented candidates, aged between 21 and 35 years, having fluency in spoken Kannada, willing to work in the community and travel in Mysuru district are eligible to apply. Interested may submit their bio-data and marks cards at Department office before Mar. 18. Contact Ph: 0821-2444922, 96110-69973 or 70196-96094.

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Teacher: *Is your father a pilot?*

Boy: *No, father's ambition also was to become a pilot !!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 72.68
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 101.19
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.79
1 Euro	= Rs. 86.88

VOICE OF THE READER

Clock work precision

Sir,

After a long wait, the COVID vaccines have arrived all across the country and being given to all who wish to take and are eligible as per set procedures. The sheer volume of the exercise is scary but reasonably well done.

Till the opening day, on Monday 1st March, there were some press reports stating that things were not being well-administered. The registration process website itself was not opening or functioning on expected lines.

However, it was set right by noon and smooth thereafter to the best of my knowledge. The process is like precise clock work in both Government and Private Centres.

As senior citizens we should all take advantage of the vaccination drive with a big "Thank YOU" to all concerned in its implementation and administration.

—S.S. Rao

Mysuru 5.3.2021

Experts warn of Corona second wave

- Curbs back on marriage, funeral and political gatherings
- Kerala visitors must show RT-PCR test report to enter State

Bengaluru, Mar. 13 (SSV)- Restrictions on marriages, last rites, religious and political functions have returned to warning by experts on the possibility of the second wave of Coronavirus in the State due to spike in positive cases.

This has come at a time when choultries and marriage halls were heaving a sigh of relief due to slide in positive cases. Now, the owners of marriage halls have to implement the new guidelines without showing laxity. Even citizens have to be careful about congregations.

The 83rd meeting of State-level COVID-19 Technical Advisory Committee held on Thursday has asked the State Government to take emergent steps to check spread of cases.

In a press release, Jawaid Akhtar, Additional Chief Secretary (Health), said the daily mandatory RT-PCR test has been revised in districts where more number of positive cases were reported in the last 10-15 days. Accordingly, Mysuru district has been given a target of 5,000 and 1,000 for Kodagu district. The Health Department officers of the districts concerned must make efforts to step up RT-PCR test compulsorily to check the spread of virus, he added.

Border districts

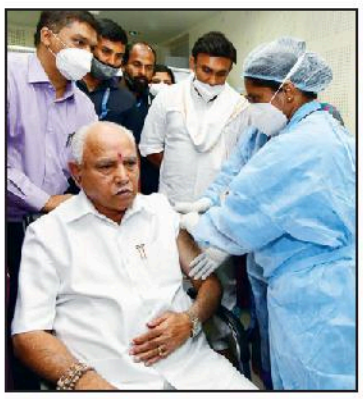
Akhtar said the RT-PCR negative report has been made mandatory for the visitors from Kerala and Maharashtra and it must be strictly followed in border check-posts.

Deputy Commissioners of all districts must give message about the COVID-19 protocol, vaccination and precaution on regular basis, he noted.

Details of restrictions on function

Function	People allowed
Marriage	Not more than 500 (in open places). Less than 200 in halls/ auditoriums/closed space)
Birthday / other functions	Not more than 100 in open spaces and lessthan50inhalls/auditoriums/closedspace
Death/funeral	Not more than 100 in open places and less than 50 in other places
Cremation/Burial	Not more than 50 persons
Other functions	Not more than 100 (according to hall dimension)
Religious function	Not over 500 in open places
Political functions	Not more than 500 in open places

CM, Health Minister take first dose of Covaxin



Bengaluru, Mar.13 (SSV)- To instill confidence among people about the safety and efficacy of COVID-19 vaccine, Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa and Health and Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar took the first dose of the vaccination here yesterday.

Both of them took the vaccine in Victoria Hospital at around 4 pm. After administering vaccine, both of them were under observation for 30 minutes and later they left the Hospital.

Talking to reporters, the CM said he took Covaxin, an indigenously manufactured vaccine by Bharat Biotech, and had no side-effects. Everyone must get vaccinated to prevent themselves from contracting the Coronavirus. Doctors will advise people to sit for 20 minutes after the jab just for observation and later they can resume duty, he said.

Dr. Sudhakar appealed to all senior citizens and eligible persons to register themselves and get vaccinated at the earliest. Everyone must educate and encourage others and join hands in making India and Karnataka free from COVID-19 contagion, he added.

Dr. Sudhakar, a doctor, took vaccination under frontline workers category.

Meanwhile, Janata Dal (Secular) MLC Sandesh Nagaraj and his wife took the first dose at District Hospital in Mysuru yesterday. He told media persons that he was not facing any side-effects.

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Obituary

Manjunath (Lakkanna)

Mysuru, Mar.13- Manjunath (Lakkanna), a resident of Hale Bandikeri in city passed away on Thursday. He was 70.

He leaves behind his wife, a son, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill on Friday.

Dr. M.A.Padmini

Dr. M.A. Padmini (67), teacher and a resident of Jayalakshmipuram, passed away on Mar. 11 following a brief illness. She leaves behind her mother, husband R. Ravi, sister, brother and a host of friends and relatives. Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill on Mar. 12.

NEWS BRIEFS

'Saptapadi' at Hill temple on Mar. 15

Muzrai Department has organised 'Saptapadi' mass marriage ceremony atop Chamundi Hill on Mar. 15 from 11 am to 12 noon. A total of 16 couples are going to tie knot on this occasion. District In-charge Minister S.T. Somashekar will inaugurate the ceremony. MLA G.T. Devegowda will preside. Mayor Rukmini Madegowda, Zilla Panchayat President Parimala Shyam, MPs V. Sreenivasa Prasad, Pratap Simha and Sumalatha Ambarish, MLAs Tanveer Sait, S.R. Mahesh, S.A. Ramdas, K. Mahadev, L. Nagendra, Harshavardhan, Dr. Yatindra, Ashwinkumar, C. Anilkumar and H.P. Manjunath and MLCs Marithibbegowda, Sandesh Nagaraj, R. Dharmasena, K.T. Srikantegowda, K.V. Narayanaswamy and other dignitaries will be present as chief guests, according to a release.

Condoled

Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji of Suttur Srikshethra has condoled the demise of Rajayogini Dadi Hridaya Mohini on Mar.11. In his message, the Seer said "Dadiji's demise is heart-breaking as one of the colossus of spiritual world would be no more for millions of spiritual seekers all over the world. From the age of eight till 93 she was in the caring fold of Brahma Baba, as the direct disciple. Dadiji's entire life was spent on spreading the message of Shiv Baba, and through service she rose to become the Chief Administrator of Brahma Kumaris, Mount Abu."

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

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Yesterday	:	108.00	feet
Inflow	:	313	cusecs
Outflow	:	4,216	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,267.38	feet
Inflow	:	111	cusecs
Outflow	:	760	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,823.25	feet
Inflow	:	48	cusecs
Outflow	:	45	cusecs

'End man-animal strife in Kodagu through policies'

Former President of Coorg Wildlife Society writes to CM and suggests sustainable ways and means

C.P. Muthanna

Mysuru, Mar. 13 (BCT)-In the wake of increasing man-animal conflict and tiger attacks in Kodagu where at least three human lives have been lost within a span of 15 to 20 days, **former President of Coorg Wildlife Society Col. (Retd.) Cheppudira P. Muthanna** has written to Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa drawing his attention towards how the people are being victimised by mindless destruction of wild habitats in the name of big projects and how wild animals are entering human areas in search of food.

Keeping in mind the increasing human killing by wild animals including tigers and elephants, Muthanna has suggested the appointment of an Officer on Special Duty in the rank of Deputy Conservator of Forests exclusively for Kodagu. This officer must be based in Thithimathi with adequate staff and resources and he must be able to be a link between the Government and the people to solve pressing problems of the district, he stated.

Sharp-shooters

Secondly, tigers that kill human beings must be hunted down at the earliest to prevent further deaths and the existing regulations should be modified accordingly. "Kodagu has a number of excellent shooters and ten such shooters should be identified and provided with sophisticated telescopic rifles and ammunition. Whenever there is a dangerous situation arising due to tigers or leopards outside the forest habitat, they should be given permission to assist the Forest Department," Muthanna said and added that local shooters will be more familiar with the terrain and conditions and would be able to defuse a dangerous situation without loss of time and it would save human lives.

According to Muthanna, a major reason for the tiger menace is due to vast areas of the forests covered by invasive species like Lantana Camara and Senna Spectabilis. "Deer and other prey congregate in small patches of forests that are free from weeds and are fit for grazing. This leads to a number of tigers also congregating in the same restricted area and causes the tigers to fight one another. In most such cases one of the tigers will be wounded and forced out of the forest. Therefore sufficient funds are required for eradication of invasive species," he has suggested.

Wildlife corridors

Some of the other measures suggested to the CM are, opening up of wildlife corridors from Nagarahole to Brahmagiri area in Kutta region of South Kodagu, establishing an Ecological Territorial Army Unit for Kodagu. "These units comprise mainly of able-bodied ex-servicemen who can join as volunteers and the unit can be utilised for forest land restoration, forest fire mitigation and eradication of invasive species," he said.

Destruction and fragmentation of forest habitat is a primary cause of human-animal conflict and there is a need for a policy decision to prevent further destruction of forests due to so-called development projects such as dams, highways, railways, powerlines etc., he added.

Tourism has done tremendous damage to Kodagu. There should be no further investment in Kodagu for tourism. Tourism in Kodagu should be regulated and not promoted, he wrote. All the proposed project investments in Kodagu must be diverted to improve the economic condition of the people in the district through sustainable living and also to prevent human-animal conflict, he opined.

"There is a need to protect Kodagu as the principal catchment of River Cauvery and the proposals for multi-lane National Highways, railway lines and airport for Kodagu must be scrapped as none of these projects will benefit Kodagu or its people in any way and will only serve to further destroy the environment and landscape of Kodagu," he urged the CM.

Tiger menace: Overnight protests continue

Overnight protests in parts of South Kodagu demanding the capture or shooting of elusive tiger still continues. The protests began five to six days back and residents of Bellur, Thavalageri, Shettigeri and Srimangala are participating in the dharna. They light campfires daily to keep themselves warm. Tents have been pitched by the side of the road for protection from rain. Protesters are upset as despite the Government shoot-at-sight orders and the intervention of MLAs K.G. Bopaiah and M.P. Appachu Ranjan and MLC Veena Achaiah, who came to Bellur recently, the Forest Department has failed to net the tiger.

Grant Rs. 1 lakh relief to livestock killed by wild animals: Brijesh Kalappa

Madikeri, Mar. 13- Supreme Court advocate and Congress Spokesperson Brijesh Kalappa has urged the State Government to announce a compensation of Rs. 1 lakh for the livestock killed by wild animals.

Brijesh Kalappa

In a press release, he has said that the Government gives paltry sum as compensation for the death of animals in Kodagu and to obtain this amount, people have to run from pillar to post. The people of the district have already been tormented by natural calamities and every year, their crops are raided by wild animals.

Now the residents are being affected by wild tigers and leopards and apart from taking human lives, many cattle heads have fallen prey to the tigers. "Farmers of Kodagu depend on cattle for milk and manure and if those animals are taken prey, the Forest Department grants compensation that is equal to giving alms. At least Rs. 1 lakh must be given as compensation," he said.

The livestock are purchased by farmers by obtaining bank loans and of late many buffaloes and cattle heads are being killed by wild tigers. In such a situation, how can the farmers be expected to gain income from the livestock and also to pay loans, he asked.

Brijesh Kalappa has added that the loans taken by farmers must be waived off in case the animals are killed by wild animals. 'When the Government has failed to protect the livestock from wild attacks, the least it can do is to waive the loan amount and also grant Rs. 1 lakh as compensation," he added.

At present, the Government pays a compensation of Rs. 7.5 lakh if a human being is killed in a wild attack. This amount must be raised to Rs. 25 lakh as the entire family depends on the person's income and with his/her death, the livelihood is destroyed, he opined.

NCSK Chairman M. Venkatesan to tour district from tomorrow

M. Venkatesan

Mysuru, Mar. 13- **National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK)** Chairman M. Venkatesan will be touring the district from Mar. 13 to Mar. 15. He will be arriving to Mysuru on Mar. 13 at 9 pm and staying at Government Guest House.

He will be participating in various programmes in city on Mar. 14 from 10 am onwards.

On Mar. 15 at 10 am, he will be holding meeting with the officers and leaders of Safai Karamchari Association. Later, at 12 noon, a meeting has been organised in which Deputy Commissioner, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner, senior Police officers and other officials, Safai Karamcharis and Association leaders will take part.

At 4 pm, along with senior officials, he will visit the Safai Karamchari Colonies to enquire about the issues faced by Safai Karamcharis and leave Mysuru on Mar. 16 at 8 am.

SPB Study Chair to be set up at Mysore Varsity in April

S.P. Balasubrahmanyam

Mysuru, Mar. 13 (RK&DM)- Adding one more Study Chair to its belt, the University of Mysore (UoM) will be establishing renowned singer late S.P. Balasubrahmanyam (SPB) Study Chair in April. The multi-lingual acclaimed singer and actor passed away in September last at Chennai.

UoM Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar said that the University Syndicate and Academic Councils have approved Dr. S.P. Balasubrahmanyam Study Chair, following which rules have been framed for the establishment of the Chair.

He pointed out that the University has written to the Government seeking permission for setting up the Chair.

Maintaining that Rs. 5 lakh has been earmarked for carrying out studies on the achievements of Dr. SPB, Prof. Hemantha Kumar said that the Study Chair has been proposed to be set up at the University Fine Arts college.

Initially, the Rs. 5 lakh fund will be utilised for appointment of researchers and a visiting faculty for a three-year period, he said and clarified that the Chair will become a regular one only if the Government sets up a Rs. 2 crore corpus fund. As of now, the Chair will be established in April and will function from University Fine Arts College, he added.

MP seeks land to open new Kendriya Vidyalaya

Mysuru, Mar. 13 (PM&SSV)- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha has written to Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri and Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Chairman H.V. Rajeev seeking allotment of a suitable land for establishing a new Kendriya Vidyalaya (KV) in Mysuru city limits.

He said that there are two KVs in city but there has been more demand for seats from parents. In order to meet this demand, there is a need to have one more KV in city. This will ensure quality education for the kids. A minimum of 10 to 12 acres of land was required preferably in city limits, he added.

MP Pratap Simha this morning (Mar. 13) inaugurated the pure drinking water unit built by Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Department at KSRTC Bus Depot in Bannimantap at a cost of Rs. 9 lakh out of MPLAD Fund (Members of Parliament Local Area Development Fund). The MP had also inaugurated similar drinking water unit at Roopanagar in city on Mar. 12.

Fate of MySugar will be decided after holding talks with people's representatives, farmer leaders: CM

Government plans to lease out the factory to private players for a 40-year period

Yediyurappa

Bengaluru, Mar. 13 (KMS&DM)- Even as uncertainty continues over the future of Mandya's prestigious MySugar Factory, Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa on Tuesday last said that the fate of the nearly century-old sugar factory at Mandya will be decided after a meeting with people's representatives and farmer leaders which will be held shortly.

Replying to a question by JD(S) MLC K.T. Srikantegowda in the Legislative Council recently, Yediyurappa clarified that though there has been no plans for privatisation of the factory, the Government has decided to let out the factory on lease to private players for a 40-year period as the Government is finding it difficult to run the factory. However, a final decision on letting out the factory on lease will be taken only after holding consultation with local people representatives and farmer leaders.

Sugar Minister M.T.B. Nagaraj said that the factory which was started in 1933 by the then Mysuru Maharajas, has run into trouble in recent years. Pointing out that new machineries and C-generation units were installed in MySugar factory at a cost of Rs. 529 crore when H.D. Kumaraswamy was the CM, he said that the crushing capacity of the factory has increased from 5,000 tonnes to 7,000 tonnes. However, crushing has been stopped from 2019-20 season, he said and added that only 80 acres of land out of the factory's total area of 150 acres will be leased out.

Scholarships: Last date extended

Mysuru, Mar. 13- D. Devaraj Urs Backward Classes Welfare Department, which had invited online applications to avail post-matric student scholarships, fee reduction and also for food and hostel facility under Vidyasiri scheme for the year 2020-21, has **extended the last date for submission of applications to Mar. 20.**

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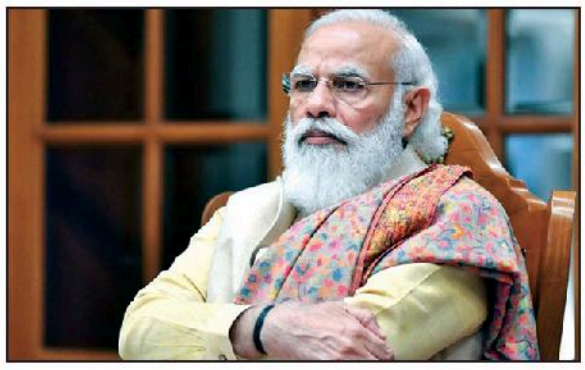

Indians love drama and so, often become sentimental fools. That is why we build temples for actors, get tattoos of cricketers and even cut off our finger when we vote for the wrong candidate by mistake like 25-year-old Pawan Kumar did in UP! Thank God he didn't realise it happened because he was stupid else...he may have cut off his head instead of his index finger.

This being the IQ levels and blind obsession with heroes, it is no wonder our politicians have become actors to appeal to this "sentimental foolishness" — From Mamata Banerjee's car attack to PM Modi's peacock moment.

Three days ago the Bengal Chief Minister was hurt during a rally. Immediately, her party claimed she was attacked by Opposition party workers. Mamata herself alleged that she was attacked by four to five people who pushed her down and banged her against the car! Then videos emerged. It turned out to be untrue.

From a "victim scene" she moved to a "sympathy arousing scene" as she dramatically sent a video message asking her party workers to be calm and saying, "It's true I was hurt badly yesterday. I have bone and ligament injury on my hands and feet. I also felt pain in my chest and head" while promising to continue her campaign on a wheel-chair!

Looks like Prime Minister Modi has met his match when it comes to political theatre. And it literally is theatre. There is costume change, catchy dialogues, palpable emotion and the moment a news camera comes into view, it's — lights, camera, action...

It is said, Prime Minister Modi brought spectacle to Indian politics, that's not true. He brought showmanship to Indian politics and became a show-stopper but this political *dramebaazi* was always there.

Politics is as much a game of perception as it is about policy, programmes and schemes. In fact, Gandhiji knew the power of perception well. Gandhiji wanted to look and live like the poor, not just so he could relate to their poverty but so he could win their solidarity at a time when the Nation needed an icon who could unite the people. And this image-building was expensive. That's why Sarojini Naidu said, *"It cost the party (the Congress) a fortune to keep Gandhiji in poverty."* Why? Well, one example: Gandhiji drank only goat's milk as only the poor drank it. So a goat had to be packed off with Bapuji wherever he went, even on his train journey. A goat can be an expensive passenger as it needs it own bogie, a care-taker and a veterinarian.

Even a politician's attire is a costume — one they don to send a message. Our Harvard-educated P. Chidambaram wears his *dhoti* and balances his shawl on his shoulders. Even our foreign-returned, hair-flicking verbose politician, Shashi Tharoor has made a smooth transition from a suit-wearing UN diplomat to a *khadi-kurta*-wearing *desi* politician. Our very own Siddharamaiah went from wearing safari suits to *dhoti.* It's all about relating to the masses or creating a perception.

Even Congress President Sonia Gandhi is known for her dignified sartorial choices. And she is conscious of it because speaking at the National Institute of Fashion Technology in Raebareli, she said: *"There is a trend in Indian fashion to overdo and over-embellish clothes. Apart from completely overshadowing the wearer, such garments are very uncomfortable to wear."* Ah! Can't help but say, You can take an Italian out of fashion, but can never take fashion out of an Italian.

Along with attire, one needs some action and emotion. So how can we forget the 'crying family' scene from 2019. We have heard candidates doling out cash and liquor for votes but in Karnataka, JD(S) leaders dole out tears. In 2019, former PM H.D. Deve Gowda, his son H.D. Kumaraswamy and his grandson Prajwal Revanna shed tears asking for votes. Even the other son H.D. Revanna, who was then the Public Works Minister, shed tears like he should have been the Water Works (Resources) Minister !

Of course, our PM is a fashionista. From his clothes to his now snowy white, wizard *Gandalf*-like white beard. In Modi's first visit to the US after becoming PM, *The New York Times* newspaper wrote an article about him titled ***'A Leader Who Is What He Wears.'*** *The Washington Post* stated, *"Move aside, Michelle Obama. The world has a new fashion icon. And no, it's not Vladimir Putin, despite his fitness regimen — it's India's new Prime Minister, Narendra Modi."*

Now, in Bengal Mamata is deploying her drama skills no doubt. After all, she came to the spotlight through theatrics related to a car!

In 1970s, Jayaprakash Narayan (JP), who led a mass movement against the Emergency, toured the country organising protests. One of his stops was Calcutta (Kolkata). As his convoy entered the city, a young Mamata Banerjee, then a Congress youth worker, threw herself in front of JP's car and then hopped onto the bonnet of the car to stop JP from organising a protest against the Emergency! Oh yes, Didi was FOR the Emergency! Ironically, just three years ago, in 2018 she paid tribute to JP during his birth anniversary in Kolkata! Ah! Politics.

Mamata is a tough woman who has to be credited for ending the 34-year fear-induced rule of Communist Parties in West Bengal. She physically fought with men on the streets of Bengal ending up with a skull fracture while also wrapping a black shawl around her neck threatening to immolate herself.

Now, BJP is playing on a pitch, where Mamata Banerjee built her political career — the streets of West Bengal. She is a brave woman and a brawler who also knows the power of drama in politics. So may be, PM Modi has met his match when it comes to lights, camera, action... Time to say Cut?

P.S: *Speaking of perception, does anyone think that late President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam was not conscious that he was sporting an outdated 60s hairstyle? No. It was an image he obviously created and cultivated for himself. Image of a humble scientist who had so much on his mind that he did not care what was on his head. Well, his haircut may have looked like it never came out of the 1960s but the price was not — it cost the late President Rs. 500 per haircut at Habib's Salon in Delhi.*

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COVID test intensified

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The shop-keepers at Devaraja Market can undergo another round of testing at the existing testing booth near Chikka Gadiyara (Dufferin Clock Tower) from Monday, said Dr. Siraj Ahmed, Nodal Officer for COVID-19 Testing and Reporting.

Besides, Joint Director, Department of Industries, will be requested to issue directions to all factories to get tested for Corona virus. Those who require negative report to go abroad or undergo surgery were coming voluntarily for testing, he added.

Mall of Mysore staff undergoing RT-PCR test this morning.

Testing for college students

He said testing may be started for students of degree colleges and nursing colleges as precaution. A majority of nursing students were not ready to undergo testing claiming that they have taken vaccine. The challenge before them was to convince students to take RT-PCR test afresh, he added.

Co-operation needed

Dr. Siraj said that private hospitals must co-operate with the District Health Department by asking persons with symptoms of Influenza like Illness (ILI) and Severe Acute Respiratory Illness (SARI), to undergo a free RT-PCR testing at Government facilities.

Since most of the private hospitals are busy in vaccination drive, not much attention was given towards testing. It was possible to bring down the positive cases if both Government and Private Hospitals come together, he added.

State tourism may be hit if Corona crisis continues: Minister

Mysuru, Mar.13 (RKB&SSV)- Tourism industry is likely to be hit this year if COVID-19 pandemic crisis continues, opined Tourism Minister C.P. Yogeeshwar.

"Last year, Karnataka faced the impact of Corona. The pandemic has continued this year too. Till the threat of virus reduces, tourists from other States may not take the risk to come here," the Minister told media persons, after inspecting Lingambudhi Lake in city this morning. He went around the picturesque Lingambudhi Tank and interacted with walkers who wanted the tank to be developed on the lines of Hebbal Lake. Citizens also complained about the release of sewage water from nearby layouts which was posing threat to it.

Yogeeshwar instructed officers of Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) to immediately take up the work of Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) to prevent pollution of Lake. Though there was scope for further improvement of the Lake, it was not possible as it belongs to Forest Department. However, Tourism Department will think of introducing water sports to make it as a tourist spot, he added.

Dr. Narayana Hegde from Lingambudhi Kere Mattu Aranya Samrakshana Vedike submitted a memorandum to the Minister requesting for starting eco-tourism there.

Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) Dr. K.C. Prashanth Kumar informed the Minister that he has written to Deputy Director, Department of Public Instructions, to issue directions to all school authorities to bring the students at least once in a week to take classes amid nature on the lines of 'Gurukula.'

Yogeeshwar promised to get funds released from his Department in case of dearth of money to take up such new initiatives. The Minister promised to make another visit once the STP was set up to protect the Lake.

Prof. Kalegowda Nagawara, Dr. Nagaraja Murthy, retired Principal, Maharaja's College, Prashanth Kumar, Range Forest Officer (RFO), B.P. Geetha, Environment Officer, Niranjan and Prakash, Senior Officers of KSPCB and others were present.

The Minister inspected the Hebbal Lake yesterday.

HAL Pilots' team to finalise helipad location

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Tourism Minister C.P. Yogeeshwar also noted that Mysore Airport location is a bit far from the city. "If a person from Mysuru wants to hop on a chopper, he has to travel 10 to 12 kilometres from Mysuru amidst traffic to Mandakalli before he takes the chopper. Also, he has to spend on fuel if he takes his own vehicle. If the helipad is constructed at Lalitha Mahal Grounds, the distance factor is eliminated," he added.

The Lalitha Mahal Grounds has been serving as a helipad for all dignitaries for their helicopters to land and take-off. However, the erstwhile royal family of Mysore has claimed ownership of the helipad land following a High Court ruling. "I have already spoken to Pramoda Devi Wadiyar regarding the launching of Heli Tourism from Lalitha Mahal and she has responded positively," the Minister said.

Once the Heli Tourism is operational, there will be at least six helicopters to land and take-off and the duration and frequency depends on the public response. "We have discussed the issue with officials and stakeholders on the permissions required for Heli Tourism. It is the best option for tourists to catch a glimpse of Karnataka. Any aviation company with Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) certification can provide the service," he added.

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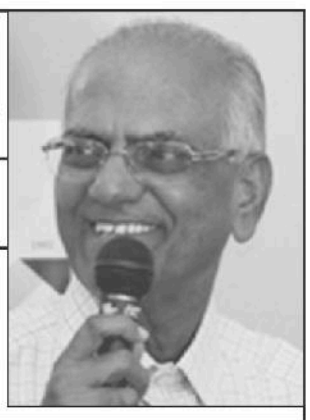

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Pedalling for Health

Mysuru, Mar. 13 (RK&SD)- Karnataka State Reserve Police (KSRP) had organised a cycle jatha in city recently to create awareness about the importance of health and fitness.

KSRP ADGP Alok Kumar flagged off the event, which was held as part of KSRP Utsav in association with Fit India Movement in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple premises, near Palace North Gate.

Hundreds of participants pedalled cycles through K.R. Circle, JLB Road, Ramaswamy Circle, Saraswathipuram Fire Station, Kalamandira, Hunsur Road, Metropole Circle, Railway Station Circle, Highway Circle, LIC Circle, Fountain Circle, SP Office Circle and Nazarbad to reach the KSRP unit on Lalitha Mahal Road.

KSRP DIG Vikas Kumar, Commandant R. Janardhan, DCP Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda, Ramakrishna Muddepal of Munirabad PTS, Bijapur KSRP Deputy Commandant B.D. Lokesh and others were present.

Staff members of KSRP, CAR, DAR, KPA, Fire Stations, Health Department, Police Public School, Canara Bank, Narayana Multispeciality Hospital, Gopalagowda Shanthaveri Memorial Hospital as well as members of District Cycling Association, Youth Hostel, NCC, Home Guards and other organisations participated in the cycle jatha.

LED lights to replace ornamental streetlights on Ring Road: Minister

Sandesh Nagaraj

Byrati Basavaraj

Mysuru, Mar.13- The ornamental streetlights on Ring Road in Mysuru will be replaced by Centrally controlled and maintained LED lights, said Urban Development Minister Byrati Basavaraj.

Replying to Sandesh Nagaraj (JD-S) during Question hour in the State Legislative Council here on Tuesday, the Minister said MCC has floated tender for this work. The purpose of replacing traditional and caste iron ornamental streetlights was to ensure brightness on Ring Road for the convenience of motorists and to check illegal activities on this stretch of road.

CCTV TVs: Basavaraj said the MCC has been asked to install CCTVs all along the Ring Road to check illegal dumping of garbage and building debris. Penalty will be imposed on offenders. Dumping of garbage on both sides of the Ring Road has marred the city beauty. For safe disposal of Solild Waste Management (SWM), the Mysuru Urban Development Authority has transferred 19.15 acre of land to MCC at Satagalli-B, where unprocessed garbage would be processed, he added.

Former MLA urges Govt. to release funds for Social Security Pension

Somashekar

Mysuru, Mar.13 (PM&DM)- Claiming that the Government has failed to release funds for old age pension and many other pensions covered under Social Security Schemes of the Government, former MLA M.K. Somashekar wondered whether the Government had become so bankrupt even to make provisions for funding pensions.

Addressing a press meet here recently, Somashekar alleged that money was not released for Social Security Pension Schemes for the last six to seven months.

Maintaining that the Government's failure to release money for such important schemes leads one to believe that the Government coffers has become empty, he said it seems that the Government has no concerns for the poor.

Noting that most of the beneficiaries used to utilise their pension money for buying medicines, Somashekar said that the non-release of pension has left the beneficiaries in distress.

Accusing Ministers in the B.S. Yediyurappa Cabinet of working only for protecting their own interests, he alleged that some Ministers are busy knocking on the doors of the Court for saving themselves from embarrassment.

Contending that the BJP Government was claiming that the schemes announced by the previous Congress Government as its own, the former MLA urged the Government to immediately release all pensions and thus come to the rescue of the poor.

Corporator Shobha Sunil, who also addressed the press meet, alleged that the BJP Government was not providing pension to existing beneficiaries, let alone adding new beneficiaries.

Pointing out that the long queues of poor that are witnessed almost every other day at the Taluk Office is an example of Government's failure to address issues of the poor, she alleged that the Government has dropped many popular schemes such as *Manaswini* which were initiated by Siddharamaiah-led Congress Government. Aggrieved pension beneficiaries Girija, Girijamma, Nazima, Ganesh and others were present at the press meet.

Federation of Kodava Samajas bats for Sports Varsity in Kodagu

Madikeri, Mar.13 (PS&BCT)- Kodagu does not have appropriate or adequate sports infrastructure though the tiny district has produced innumerable sporting icons over the years. Hence, the Union Government must establish a Sports University in Kodagu to give a platform for thousands of emerging sportspersons from Kodagu and also to encourage sportsmen from other districts of Karnataka.

This demand emerged at a meeting of Federation of Kodava Samajas at Balugodu Samaja premises near Virajpet recently. Explaining the need for a Sports University in Kodagu, the participants of the meeting said that Kodagu district had contributed thousands of sportspersons to the State and to the Nation.

Every village in Kodagu has sports talents in abundance but the budding sportspersons lack encouragement, state-of-the-art facilities and professional training. This way, several sports talents are being ignored, speakers at the meeting said.

Over 50 players from Kodagu have represented Indian hockey team till date. Not only hockey, the district has produced brilliant sportspersons in other disciplines like athletics, tennis and badminton too. Hockey is encouraged in Kodagu with many tournaments including Kodava Hockey Festival taking place around the year. But other sports lack facilities and encouragement.

Kodagu has sports hostels but the facilities available are not adequate. There is a potential for swimming, squash, kabaddi, badminton champions to emerge from the district if proper training and facilities are given, the speakers said.

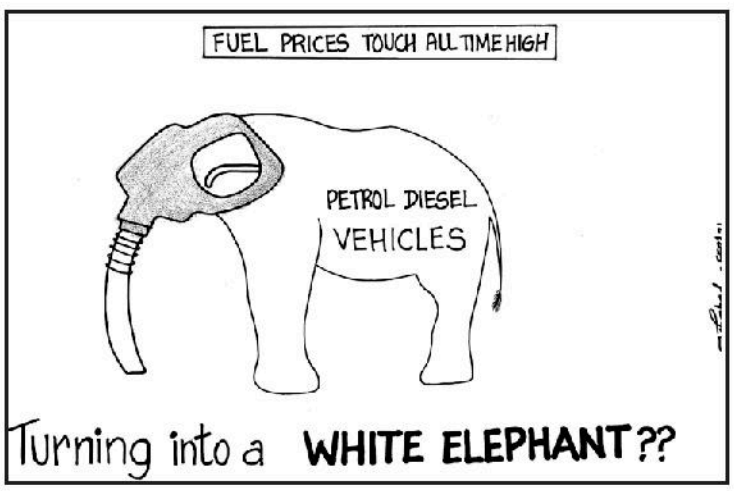
If at all the Sports University is established in Kodagu, there will be many state-of-the-art stadiums, and training camps can be conducted by Karnataka State Olympics Association. "The Central Government is enthusiastic about starting a Sports University in Mizoram. As Kodagu has given innumerable sports achievers to the nation, we must ask for a Sports University to our district," they said.

Establishment of such a University will enable youngsters and emerging sports champions from Kodagu to experience high level competition where national players and international legends and coaches will come to Kodagu and interact with young talents here.

The meeting resolved to urge the Union Government to establish a Sports University in Kodagu. Former Minister Meriyanda C. Nanaiah, Federation President Kallichanda Vishnu Cariappa, Joint Secretary Mederira Naveen, former President Mallengada Dada Belliappa and others were present.

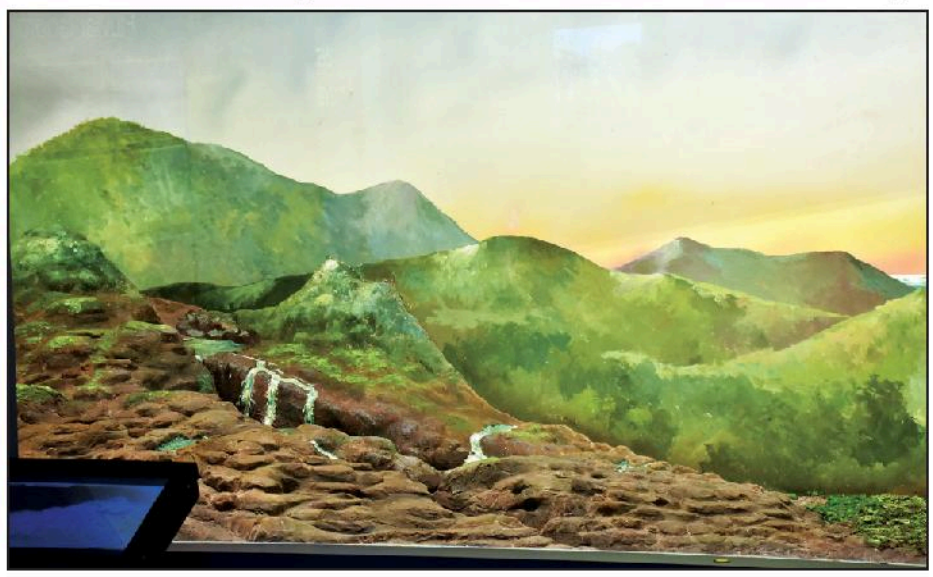
TEASER

By N. Prakash



Cauvery Gallery at Dasara Expo Grounds to be a must-visit tourist destination

Tourism Minister impressed by visual river story narrated at the Gallery



Minister for Tourism, Ecology and Environment C.P. Yogeeshwar, KEA Chairman Hemanth Kumar Gowda and other officials viewing the Cauvery Gallery at Dasara Exhibition Grounds yesterday.

Mysuru, Mar. 13 (YDS&BCT)- The Cauvery Gallery being set up at Karnataka Exhibition Authority premises (Dasara Expo Grounds) in city will be open for visitors soon. "The Gallery showcases the life, culture and biodiversity along the River from its birth in Kodagu till it reaches the Bay of Bengal," said Minister for Tourism, Ecology and Environment C.P. Yogeeshwar.

He was visiting the Dasara Exhibition Grounds last evening to see the available options for promoting tourism in Mysuru. Impressed by the multimedia features and electronic display at the Gallery that provides visitors an immersive experience of life and culture along the Cauvery River, the Minister said that the Gallery will be a centre of attraction.

Karnataka Knowledge Commission is setting up the Gallery along with the Department of Tourism. It would highlight the geological and ecological characteristics of Cauvery River apart from projecting the social and cultural characteristic features of civilisation that have evolved along the river bank.

Mysuru's Cauvery Gallery will be the third in the country. There is a Gallery for River Brahmaputra in Guwahati and River Ganga has a Gallery in Allahabad. Cauvery Gallery is coming up at Kannada Karanji Building in an area of 15,000 square feet and works are almost complete.

Here, artefacts and dolls will tell the story of the River from Talacauvery (birthplace in Kodagu) to Poompuhar (where Cauvery meets the sea in Tamil Nadu). Pictures, live visuals, models of the river flowing from one part to another criss-crossing the hills and plains will narrate the Cauvery story.

The Minister visited the main section of the Gallery that is a three-dimensional theatre where movies and documentaries on Cauvery will be screened. Yogeeshwar was told by the representatives of the Knowledge Commission that movies on conserving the river, increasing green cover around the river for sustenance, places and industries polluting the river will be shown to spread awareness.

Along with the visual representation of various communities that have a close affinity with Cauvery like the Kodava community that find representation in the Gallery, prominent waterfalls like Shimsha, rugged terrain like Mekedatu and picturesque Hogennakal will find prominence, the Minister was told while explaining the progress of the works.

Later speaking to reporters, Yogeeshwar said that the Cauvery Gallery would turn a must-visit tourist destination in the coming days and plans are on the anvil to develop the Karnataka Exhibition Grounds as an art centre with an allocation of Rs. 150 crore so that all-year-round programmes are held.

Single ticket system for Mysuru tourist spots soon

Mysuru, Mar. 13 (RKB&BCT)- One ticket, many tourist destinations — the concept of providing access to multiple tourist destinations in and around Mysuru using a single ticket will become a reality soon and this common ticket is expected to end long queues outside ticket counters and will also help prevent fleecing of tourists at parking lots, said Minister for Tourism C.P. Yogeeshwar.

He was participating in an interactive meeting organised by the Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) at Pathrakarthara Bhavan in city last afternoon. Instead of buying tickets at every spot, visitors can purchase one ticket or the City Pass that will allow them to enter multiple destinations such as the Mysore Palace, Mysuru Zoo, Karanji Lake Nature Park, Chamundi Hill, St. Philomena's Church, Lalitha Mahal Palace, Railway Museum and Brindavan Gardens, he said.

"I am holding discussion with stakeholders and the single ticketing system will add to the concept of Brand Mysuru and will go a long way in promoting the city as tourist-friendly place," he said and noted that issues like revenue sharing with different departments and agencies would be sorted out before the scheme is announced.

Palace a culture hub

He said that Mysuru Tourism will be developed in a big way and a series of programmes will be organised all through the year at Mysore Palace premises to attract more tourists instead of restricting them only during Dasara. "An annual timetable for cultural activities has been prepared and programmes will be held between 4 pm and 10 pm. The nature of the programmes will be finalised after discussing with historians, writers and prominent personalities in the cultural field," he explained.

Theme Park

Continuing, Yogeeshwar said that the State Government was keen on modernising Brindavan Gardens and take forward the theme park concept on the lines of Disneyland proposed by the previous Government. "The project will be taken up under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model soon and the State Government will not spend any money on it. I have seen the Power Point presentation made by the architects and engineers. The project is an extension of Brindavan Gardens and it will be taken up without harming the KRS Dam," he added.

Chamundi Hill ropeway

Diverting on the tourism development in the heart of Mysuru city, the Minister said that a ropeway will come up at Chamundi Hill and the State was implementing ropeway project at Nandi Hills too.

On the opposition by environmental groups against Chamundi Hill, Yogeeshwar said, "I am aware of the opposition and let me make it clear that the ropeway will not lead to any environmental damage as only a cable will be drawn and a few poles will be erected. The ecological damage can be prevented with the help of modern technology and we are already in the process of discussing the project with a couple of agencies including the ones from our own country," he added.

MDJA President S.T. Ravikumar, Exhibition Authority Chairman Hemanth Kumar Gowda, Chairman of Jungle Lodges and Resorts Appanna and others were present during the interaction.

Sound and Light Show at Palace from Mar.15

Mysuru, Mar.13- The Sound and Light programme at Mysore Palace, which had remained suspended for almost a year due to COVID-19 crisis, will resume from Mar.15 (Monday). The programme showcases the 400-year history of Mysuru through lighting, narration and background sound and music. It also traces the cultural heritage and contribution of the Wadiyars.

According to a schedule released by the Deputy Director of Palace Board T.S. Subramanya, the programme will be held every evening except Sundays and Government holidays. Kannada version of the event will be held from 7 pm to 8 pm on all Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, while the English version will be held from 7 pm to 8 pm on all Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. On Saturday, the Kannada version will also be held from 8.15 pm to 9.15 pm after the English version concludes at 8 pm. The admission fee for Kannada version is Rs.70 for an adult and Rs.30 for a child. The entry fee for English version is Rs.90 for an adult and Rs.40 for a child.

Even though the Palace was reopened for visitors in June, the Sound and Light Show had remained suspended.

Palace Illumination

Meanwhile, the Palace will also be illuminated for 15 minutes at the end of the show from Monday to Saturday between 7.45 and 8 pm. On Saturday, the Palace will be illuminated after the second Sound and Light show also, for a 15 minutes from 9 pm.

On Sundays and Government holidays, the Palace will be illuminated for an hour from 7 pm to 8 pm, the release said.

WORD OF THE DAY

Smorgasbord

Pronunciation: SMOR-gus-bord.
Meaning: A luncheon or supper buffet offering a variety of foods and dishes (such as hors d'oeuvres, hot and cold meats, smoked and pickled fish, cheeses, salads, and relishes).
Origin: Although smorgasbord might make us think of a variety of foods, the Swedish word smörgås refers to a particular food item—an open sandwich or, alternatively, a slice of bread covered with butter—which is a staple of the traditional Swedish smorgasbord. (The word smör means "butter," and gås can mean "a lump of butter" as well as "goose.") Smörgås teamed up with the Swedish word bord, meaning "table" or "board," to form smorgasbord; the word first appeared in English in the later part of the 19th century. By the mid-20th century smorgasbord was being used outside of food-related contexts to refer to something that comprises a mixture or assemblage of different parts.
Example: "Each week, Bayle will highlight a spread inspired by both her New England and European adventures; this week's lineup features ... a smorgasbord starter kit featuring rye bread, cultured butter, cheese, pickles, cranberry preserves, and more." — Erin Kuschner, Boston.com, 8 Jan. 2021

THE ODD WORD

Saccadic

Jerky; twitching.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Sitting ducks

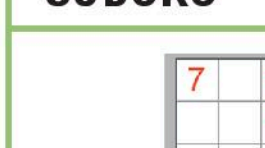
Meaning: Lacks protection and is in a vulnerable position.
Origin: Ducks float ever so gently on the surface of the water, but have you ever wondered how they do it? Ducks have an oil gland (also referred to as a preen gland) that produces oil. They use this oil by rubbing it all over their feathers, making them waterproof. So their feathers repel water and that helps them to float. Additionally, their feathers can also trap air, which increases their buoyancy. Ducks are omnivores, so their diet includes all sorts of things. They'll eat insects like flies, bees, and mosquitoes. They'll also eat grass and weeds. However, while ducks are sitting out on the water, they can be vulnerable to attack. Which brings us to the next part—where this phrase originates from.
This phrase likely comes from hunting because 'sitting ducks' can be easy prey for hunters. To elaborate: Some ducks, such as the mallard duck, are known as 'dabbling ducks.' This means they look for their food near the water's surface. These ducks often float, or 'sit' on top of the water as they search for food. Sitting ducks are especially vulnerable to hunters because they are out in the open with no protection. Not to mention they aren't moving very fast while they are sitting on the water, so it makes them easy targets.

QUOTE BOX

If you keep your feathers well oiled the water of criticism will run off as from a duck's back. **—Ellen Swallow Richards**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:



Answer: Missing link.

SUDOKO

7		6				3		
		1	5				7	
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	1	2		7				
6				3				4
				8		9	2	
4	6							
	7				8	6		
		3				1		8

Answer to previous puzzle

4	8	7	5	2	6	1	3	9
9	6	5	4	1	3	2	8	7
1	2	3	8	7	9	5	4	6
7	5	2	3	4	8	6	9	1
8	4	1	9	6	7	3	5	2
6	3	9	1	5	2	8	7	4
2	9	8	7	3	1	4	6	5
3	1	4	6	9	5	7	2	8
5	7	6	2	8	4	9	1	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Showily pretentious
5 Mythical monsters, as ogres
9 Mar follower
12 Go away!
13 Diplomat's specialty
14 Seed of a legume
15 Search thoroughly
16 Recuperation
18 Palindromic pop quartet
20 Sprite
21 Coarse brute
23 "Friends" role
25 American medical association, in short
26 Inspired wonder
28 Sin City star Jessica ____
32 Mouth
33 Kimono sash
34 Charged particle
35 "Puppy Love" singer Paul
37 Respiratory organ
39 ___ going : departed ?
40 Elevate
42 Fully conscious
44 Safe harbour
47 Be adjacent to
48 Builders
51 Colours, tinges
54 Grow old
55 A wide-lipped jug
56 Curves
57 Cut off
58 Not so much
59 Never, poetically

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	G	I	O	■	H	O	L	I	■	F	A	B
R	A	G	A	■	O	W	E	N	■	O	B	E
M	I	N	K	■	U	N	I	V	E	R	S	E
S	A	I	L	O	R	S	■	I	N	G	■	■
■	■	F	I	S	■	A	T	T	I	R	E	■
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U	S	A	F	■	S	U	K	■	Y	E	T	I
E	E	R	■	H	O	T	■	M	E	N	S	A
Z	E	A	L	O	T	■	L	O	L	■	■	■
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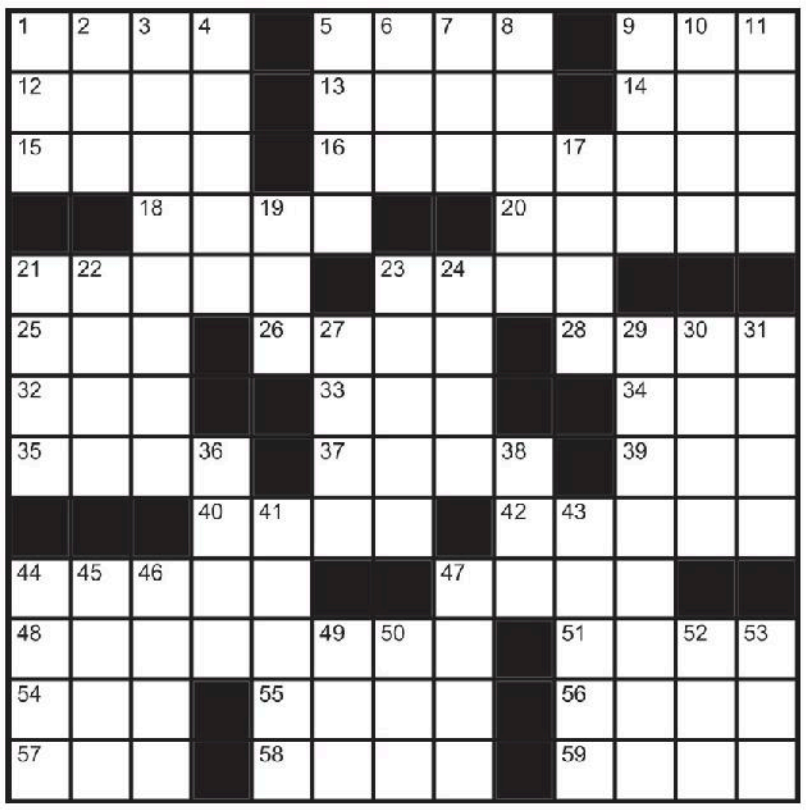
O	V	E	R	L	O	O	K	■	I	O	T	A
L	E	V	■	E	D	G	E	■	N	O	U	S
E	X	O	■	R	A	I	N	■	G	R	I	T

DOWN
1 Aircraft Sys. Controllers
2 Greek letter
3 Weapon
4 Lout, hooligan (slang)
5 Other in Spanish
6 "Are" anagram for a foreign boy's name?
7 300 in Roman numerals
8 Halts
9 Peak
10 A winged being from Persian mythology
11 Oscar-winning Martha
17 Big name in plastic
19 Constricting snake
21 Hindu God of death
22 Zeenat of Bollywood
23 Refute
24 Chief Norse deity
27 Carnivorous mammal
29 Bandage
30 Make a reservation
31 Poker opener
36 Actor Guinness
38 Chatter
41 World's largest CPU manufacturer
43 Capital of China's Hubei province
44 Effect a cure
45 Golden Fleece ship
46 Vice president, in short
47 Aviation Safety Reporting Sys.
49 Be indebted to
50 A matter of legal importance in Latin
52 Eco. Comm. of Europe
53 Georgia, once



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

MSC YTD'W NGW TOTM VZSH MSCZXGBV KM HSLUDN VZSH

SDG ABTYG WS TDSWQGZ. WQGZG'X DSWQUDN WS WQTW.

TODAY'S CLUE: Y EQUALS C

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Public speaking is the art of diluting a two-minute idea with a two-hour vocabulary.

NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
Roberrt (K)	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
Pogaru (K)	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
Inspector Vikram (K)	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Hero (K)	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
Chakra (Ta)	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
Sreekaram (Te)	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Jathi Rathanalu (Te)	(S-1)	9.30 am; (S-2) 4.10 pm
Roberrt (K)	(S-1)	12.20 pm, 3.30 pm 6.45 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2)	9.55 pm
	(S-4)	9.10 am, 12.25 pm 3.35pm,6.45pm,9.55pm
Hero (K)	(S-2)	10.30 am, 7.15 pm
Sreekaram (Te)	(S-2)	1.10 pm
Varthamanam (Ma)	(S-3)	10.45 am
Pogaru (K)	(S-3)	1.15 pm
Roohi (H)	(S-3)	4.30 pm, 7.15 pm
Gaali Sampath (Te)	(S-3)	9.55 pm

INOX LIVE THE MOVIE — Ph: 2533444 / 2533456

Roberrt (K)	(S-1)	10.45 am, 2.15 pm 6.00 pm, 9.45 pm
	(S-2)	9.45 am, 1.15 pm 5.00 pm, 8.45 pm
	(S-3)	9.25 pm; (S-4) 11.45 am
Hero (K)	(S-4)	6.46 pm
Roohi (H)	(S-4)	3.30 pm, 9.55 pm
Sreekaram (Te)	(S-3)	2.30 pm
Jathi Rathnalu (Te)	(S-3)	11.00 am, 5.45 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Hero (K)	(S-1)	10.45 am, 4.00 pm
Sreekaram (Te)	(S-1)	1.15 pm; (S-4) 8.30 pm
Roberrt (K)	(S-1)	6.45 pm
	(S-2)	10.00 am, 1.15 pm 4.30 pm, 8.00 pm
	(S-3)	11.15 am, 2.30 pm 5.45 pm, 9.15 pm
Pogaru (K)	(S-4)	10.45 am, 5.15 pm
Inspector Vikram (K)	(S-4)	2.00 pm

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Roberrt (K)	:	9am,10am,11am,12.30pm,12.40pm 1.40 pm, 2.40 pm, 4.20 pm, 5.20 pm, 6.20 pm, 8 pm, 9 pm, 9.35 pm
Sreekaram (Te)	:	3.35 pm, 10 pm
Jathi Ratnalu (Te)	:	8.55 am, 12.15 pm, 6.40 pm
Roohi (H)	:	9.40 am, 12.40 pm, 3.45 pm, 6.50 pm, 9.50 pm
Hero (K)	:	6.45 pm
My Hero Academia (E)	:	4.10 pm
Varthamanam (Ma)	:	9.40 pm

Garuda Mall, 1st Floor, Mysuru

Roberrt (K)	:	10 am, 11 am, 1.40 pm, 2.40 pm 5.20pm,6.20pm,9pm,9.40pm,10pm
Sreekaram (Te)	:	9.30 am, 6.45 pm
Roohi (H)	:	9.30 am, 12.30 pm, 6.35 pm
Jathi Ratnalu (Te)	:	3.25 pm, 9.40 pm
Hero (K)	:	3.40 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

India lose 1st T20I against England

Chahal goes past Bumrah to become India's leading wicket-taker in T20Is

Ahmedabad, Mar. 13- Yuzvendra Chahal yesterday became India's leading wicket-taker in T20Is when he dismissed Jos Buttler during the first T20I against England in Ahmedabad.

Chahal went past Jasprit Bumrah's tally of 59 wickets and picked up his 60th, trapping Buttler LBW. Chahal now has 60 wickets from 46 T20Is at 24.75 and an economy rate of 8.34 runs per over. Bumrah has 59 from 50 T20Is at 20.25 and an economy rate of 6.66 runs per over.

Chahal, who played his 100th international match for India yesterday, made his T20I debut against Zimbabwe in Harare in 2016. In ODI cricket, Chahal has 92 wickets from 54 matches.

Chahal's feat aside, there was little to celebrate for India in the opening T20I of the five-match series as England easily chased down the target of 125 set by the hosts to take a 1-0 lead in the series.

Yuzvendra Chahal

India were asked to bat first by England captain Eoin Morgan, and his bowlers vindicated the captain's decision by picking up three Indian wickets in the Powerplay and then restricting the opponents to 124 for 7.

Shreyas Iyer top scored for India with 67 and Rishabh Pant made 21 but those were the only batsmen to put up a fight.

In reply, Jos Buttler and Jason Roy tore into the Indian bowling attack and put up a 72-run opening stand in the first eight overs before Chahal struck.

There was no respite even after the wicket as Dawid Malan and Jonny Bairstow wrapped up the game inside 16 overs and helped England take the lead in the series.

EVENTS TODAY (MARCH 13)

- **Sahara Arts and Crafts Shopping Festival:** Handicraft and Handloom Expo-cum-Sale, JSS Ground, next to Doddakere Maidan, opp. Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, Alanahalli Branch:** Mahashivarathri celebrations, display of 21-ft tall and 18-ft wide Shivalinga made out of 8,000 coconuts, Lalitha Mahal Grounds, **up to 10 pm.**
- **Gayana Sabha, Mysuru:** Hindustani Classical Music Concert by **Vidu. Gauri Pathare,** Mumbai, solo tabla recital by **Pradyumna Karpur** (son and disciple of Dr. Udayraj Karpur), accompanied by Dr. Udayraj Karpur on tabla and Surya Upadhyaya on harmonium from Bengaluru, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **5.30 pm.**

- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha:** Gunamba Nanjaraj Urs Memorial Programme, Karnatak Classical Vocal by Vidu. P. Ramaa, accompanied by Vid. C.N. Tyagaraju on violin, Vid. G.S. Nagaraj on mridanga and Vidu. Bhargava Halambi on kanjira, Sabha premises, Mysore K. Vasudevacharya Bhavana, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Male Mahadeshwaraswamy Temple:** Mahashivarathri celebrations, staging of mythological play 'Shaniprabhava' or 'Raja Vikrama' by Sri Male Mahadeshwaraswamy Kala Sangha, MLA S.A. Ramdas inaugurates, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev presides, Temple premises, #861/1, 15th Cross, Ramanuja Road, **9 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MARCH 14)

- **Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, Alanahalli Branch:** Mahashivarathri celebrations, display of 21-ft tall and 18-ft wide Shivalinga made out of 8,000 coconuts, Lalitha Mahal Grounds, **6 am to 10 pm.**
- **SPM Trust - Paramahamsa Yoga Mahavidyalaya:** Mahamrutyunjaya Homa and Hanuman Chalisa Pathana and felicitation programme, Dr. Sri Sharatchandra Swamiji of Sri Kundur Mutt graces the occasion, Sri Paramahamsa Yoga Mahavidyalaya Trust Chairman, National and International yoga trainer Yogacharya Shivaprakash Guruji presides, KPCC Secretary Gurupadaswamy chief guest, Paramahamsa Yoga Mahavidyalaya, Sarvodaya Road, Nimishamba Layout, Ramakrishnanagar, **9.30 am.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Staging of Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa's play 'Parva' (Director: Prakash Belawadi; Duration: 7-hour & 30-minute), Kalamandira, **10 am.**
- **Sahara Arts and Crafts Shopping Festival:** Handicraft and Handloom Expo-cum-Sale, JSS Ground, next to Doddakere Maidan, opp. Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Mysuru District Vishvakarma Yuva Jagruti Vedike, Mysuru:** Felicitation to newly elected Gram Panchayat Members of the community, Dr. Sri Kumaraswamy Swamiji graces the occasion, MLC G. Raghu Achar presides, MLA Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah inaugurates, MCDCC Bank President G.D. Harish Gowda and industrialist H.P. Amarath will felicitate the GP Members, Sri Vidyashankara Kalyana Mantapa, Gun House Circle, **11 am.**
- **Shree Nalwadi Foundation:** Valedictory of RK Cup-2021, Tennis Ball Cricket Corporate Match - 1st Year, Sri Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Ground, **4.30 pm.** [Mob: 78921-36030 or 80502-63012]
- **Akhila Bharata Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit:** Kanlalu Basavalingegowda Endowment Programme, Ganayogi Panchakshari Gawai Memorial Vachana Sangeethotsava, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, Hindustani singer Pt. Indudhara Nirodi inaugurates, ADC Dr. B.S. Mallikarjunaswamy presides, Hindustani singers Pt. J. Niranjana & J. Poorvi and Sunita Hiremath, Sri Rajendra Bhavan, JSS Hospital premises, **5 pm.**
- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha:** Indiradevi Praphullachandra Veerappa Memorial Programme sponsored by V. Praphullachandra, Karnatak Classical Vocal Duet on 'Shivarpanam' by Bangalore Brothers — Vidwan M.B. Hariharan and Vidwan S. Ashok — accompanied by Vid. Mattur R.Srinidhi on violin, Vid. B.S. Prashanth on mridanga and Vid.Sharath Kaushik on ghata, Sabha premises, Mysore K. Vasudevacharya Bhavana, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Natana School of Theatre Arts:** Staging of play 'Janashatru' (Written and directed by S. Surendranath based on Henrik Ibsen's 'An enemy of the people'), School premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**

Free eye camp

Mysuru, Mar. 13- Kodava Samaja, Mysuru and Nethradhama Super Speciality Eye Hospital have jointly organised free eye check-up camp for Kodava Samaja and Kodava Association members and their family on Mar. 16 from 10 am and 2 pm at Samaja premises in Vijayanagar. For details, contact Mob: 70191-20650 or 94837-54771.

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